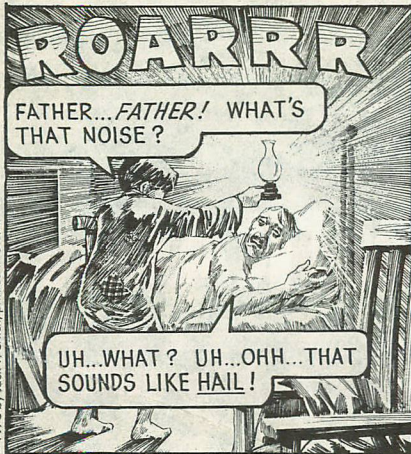




THE CONTRACT!

By J.T C



NEXT MORNING

EVERYTHING'S GONE...WE'RE RUINED!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO ?

MAYBE I CAN BORROW FROM
THE BANK....WE'RE IN DEEP
TROUBLE, BOY!



THAT AFTERNOON

MORE MONEY?

HAW HAW HAW... YOU *ALREADY* HAVE
A LOAN THAT YOU *CAN'T* PAY BACK!

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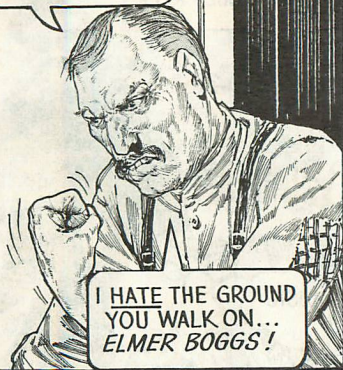
IS IT MY FAULT THE HAIL RUINED
YOUR CROP?

THE BANK WILL OWN YOUR FARM IN
JUST A FEW DAYS!

YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK,
JOHN FREEMAN!

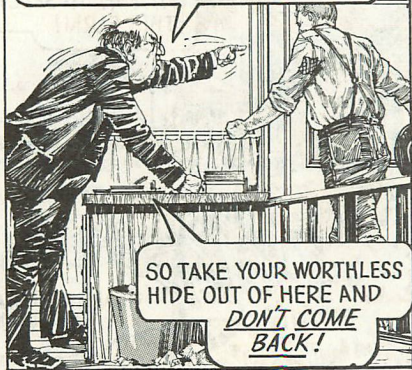
NEXT WEEK, I WANT YOU AND
THAT CRIPPLED BOY OF YOURS
OFF OUR PROPERTY! UNDERSTAND?

IF I EVER GET THE CHANCE I'LL
FIX YOU FOR THIS!



I HATE THE GROUND
YOU WALK ON...
ELMER BOGGS!

SO WHAT? MOST PEOPLE DO! BUT I
DON'T GET PAID FOR BEING LOVED!



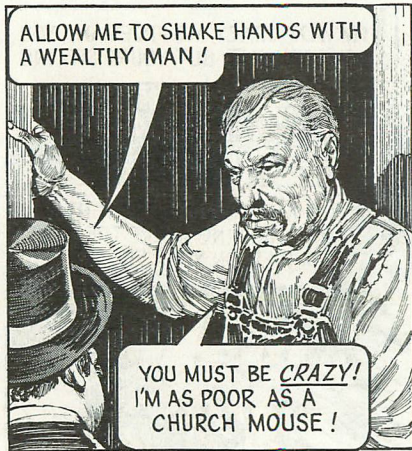
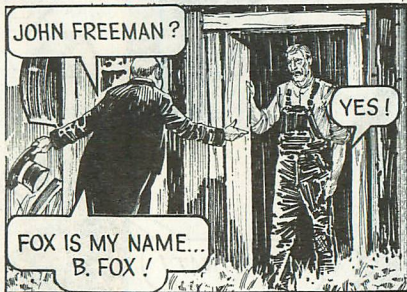
SO TAKE YOUR WORTHLESS
HIDE OUT OF HERE AND
DON'T COME
BACK!

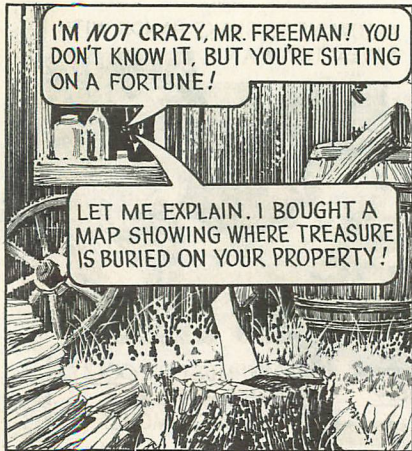
BACK AT THE FARM

@!!☆☆! I'D SELL MY SOUL IF I COULD KEEP
THIS FARM!

HUMMM... *THAT'S* MUSIC
TO MY EARS!







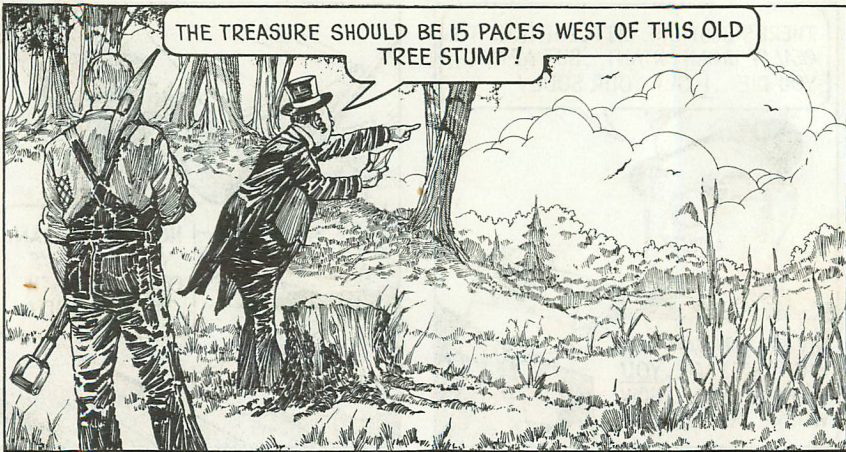
THERE'S JUST ONE LITTLE HITCH...IT'S *REALLY* UNIMPORTANT... BUT AFTER YOU DIE...I GET YOUR SOUL!

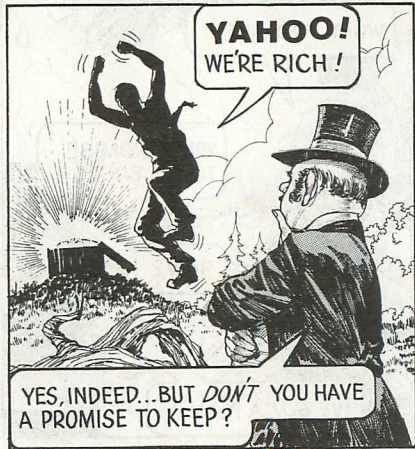
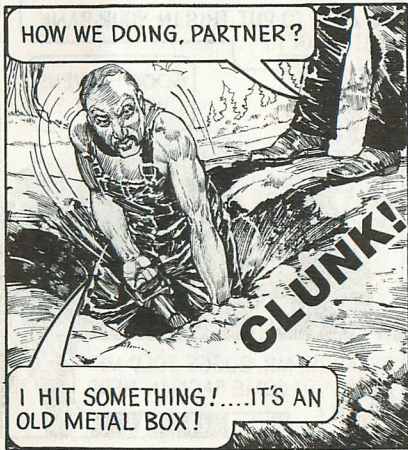
MY SOUL? *HAW HAW...*
BIG JOKE! OK, YOU
GET MY SOUL!...NOW
WHERE DO I SIGN ?

NO, MR. FREEMAN.
YOU SIGN *THIS*
CONTRACT WITH
YOUR BLOOD!

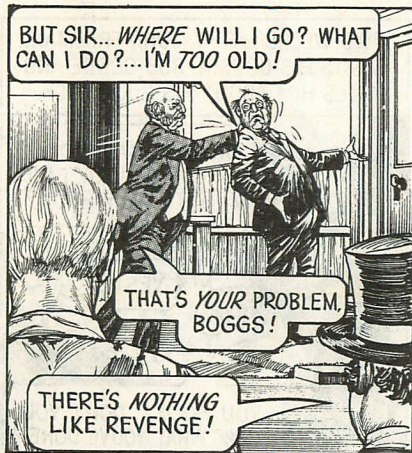
HE */S* CRAZY!

THE TREASURE SHOULD BE 15 PACES WEST OF THIS OLD
TREE STUMP!









TWO WEEKS LATER, JOHN FREEMAN,
VISITS HIS COUSIN, BOB GOODE AND
TELLS HIM ABOUT HIS GOOD LUCK.

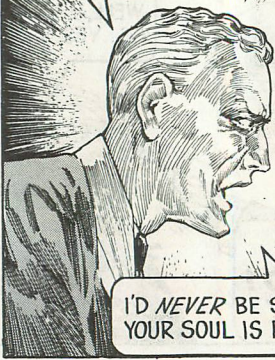


JOHN, YOU SAID YOU
SIGNED A CONTRACT AND
HE GETS YOUR SOUL?

YES!

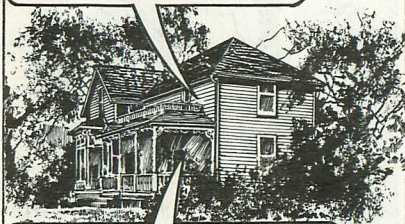
YOU **FOOL!**...DON'T YOU
KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

I DON'T CARE *HOW* MUCH MONEY
YOU'VE GOT...



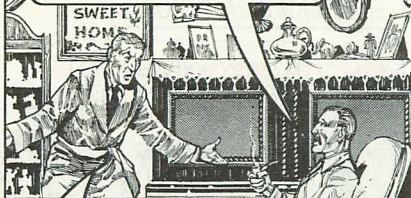
I'D *NEVER* BE SO STUPID!
YOUR SOUL IS PRICELESS!

YOU *KNOW* I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GOD FEARING MAN, JOHN! I BELIEVE IN THE 10 COMMANDMENTS... I *DO* AS MUCH GOOD AS POSSIBLE...



AND I AVOID ALL FORMS OF EVIL! JOHN, WHAT DOES THE "B." STAND FOR IN "B." FOX?

IT STANDS FOR BEELZEBUB!



BEELZEBUB IS A SATANIC NAME!...JOHN FREEMAN, YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF *THAT* CONTRACT!


YOU'RE DOOMED TO HELL!

10 YEARS LATER, JOHN
FREEMAN'S MANSION.



I'M SORRY, JOHN, BUT YOU
HAVE ABOUT FOUR WEEKS
TO LIVE!

DOCTOR, TIME GOES SO FAST!...*NOW*
I'M DOOMED TO HELL FOR WHAT I'VE
DONE!...I'VE BEEN A FOOL!



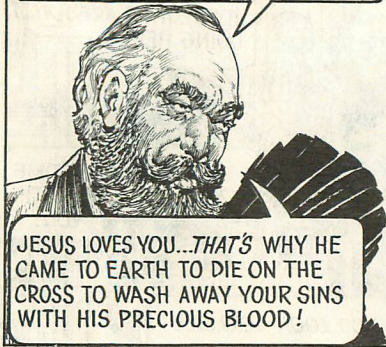
WHAT DID YOU DO, JOHN?



I SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH
THE DEVIL...HE GETS MY SOUL!

IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY, JOHN!

THE DEVIL IS A CREATED BEING WITH LIMITED POWER, BUT JESUS CHRIST IS GOD ALMIGHTY WITH UNLIMITED POWER!



JESUS LOVES YOU...*THAT'S* WHY HE CAME TO EARTH TO DIE ON THE CROSS TO WASH AWAY YOUR SINS WITH HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD!

CHRIST WANTS TO SET YOU FREE BY COMING INTO YOUR HEART...IF YOU LET HIM IN, THEN THAT POWER IS YOURS...

THE BIBLE SAYS..."GREATER IS HE (*CHRIST*) THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE (*SATAN*) THAT IS IN THE WORLD." 1 JOHN 4:4

THEN THERE IS A WAY OUT!



ONE HOUR LATER . . .

STOP PREACHING TO ME, JOHN, I DON'T
NEED IT!...YOU SOUND LIKE A FANATIC!

GOD WILL WEIGH MY GOOD
DEEDS AGAINST MY BAD
AND WILL *WELCOME*
ME INTO HEAVEN!

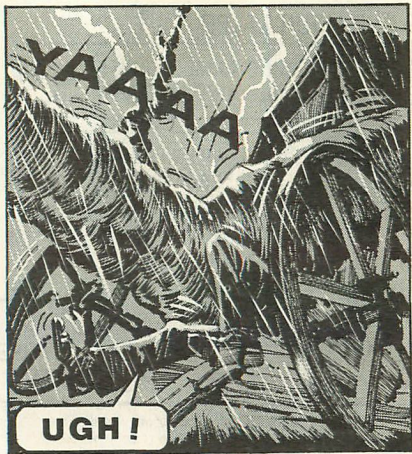
I DON'T *NEED* WHAT
YOU'VE GOT...I'LL MAKE
IT MY WAY!*


*AS IT IS WRITTEN, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE. Romans 3:10
FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD. Romans 3:23

AT JOHN FREEMAN'S FUNERAL

JOHN IS NOW SAFE IN
THE ARMS OF JESUS!

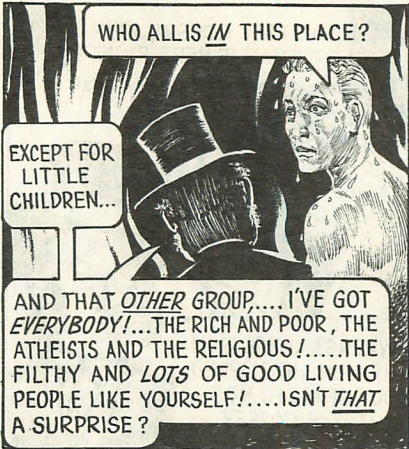
BALONEY! HE'S IN HELL!
HE *COULDN'T* GET OUT OF
THAT CONTRACT!





THIS IS INSANE...WHY AM I HERE?
WHO ARE YOU ?


B.FOX IS THE NAME !
THIS WILL BE YOUR
NEW HOME, BOB GOODE,
.....*FOREVER!*



WHO ALL IS IN THIS PLACE ?

EXCEPT FOR
LITTLE
CHILDREN...

AND THAT OTHER GROUP,.... I'VE GOT
EVERYBODY!...THE RICH AND POOR, THE
ATHEISTS AND THE RELIGIOUS!.....THE
FILTHY AND *LOTS* OF GOOD LIVING
PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!....ISN'T THAT
A SURPRISE ?



THEN MY COUSIN, JOHN
FREEMAN, IS HERE, RIGHT?

WRONG! JOHN IS IN
HEAVEN. HE SLIPPED
OUT OF MY HANDS...
IT WAS CLOSE!



BUT THE *CONTRACT!*... I *DIDN'T*
HAVE A CONTRACT WITH YOU!
YOU *CAN'T* GET MY SOUL!

YOU FOOL!... I DON'T *NEED* A
CONTRACT!... I'VE GOT EVERYONE,
ANYWAY.... EXCEPT THOSE WHO
ACCEPTED CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR!

GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS YOU TO EXPERIENCE PEACE AND ETERNITY IN HEAVEN.

WHAT YOU MUST DO:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you (on the Cross) and rose from the dead.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life. (Receive Him as Savior and Lord.)

WHAT TO PRAY:

DEAR FATHER, I KNOW THAT I AM A SINNER AND NEED FORGIVENESS. I BELIEVE THAT CHRIST DIED FOR MY SIN. I AM WILLING TO TURN FROM SIN. I NOW INVITE JESUS CHRIST TO COME INTO MY HEART AND LIFE AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR. I AM WILLING, BY GOD'S GRACE TO FOLLOW AND OBEY CHRIST AS THE LORD OF MY LIFE.

DID YOU ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST
AS YOUR OWN PERSONAL
SAVIOR?

date _____

YES

☐

NO

☐

IF YOUR ANSWER WAS YES, THEN THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF A WONDERFUL NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST. NOW:

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